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For

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Hon. Commissioner for Patents

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# TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing are the following:

[X] a Response to Office Action; Action; and [X] postcard; to be filed in the above-identified application.

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- [] The following extension fee is applicable to the Response filed herewith; [] \$110.00 extension fee for response within first month; [] \$420.00 extension fee for response within second month; [] \$950.00 extension fee for response within third month; [X] \$1,480.00 extension fee for response; [] \$2,010.00 within fifth month.
- [X] A check in the amount of [] \$110.00; [] \$420.00; [] \$950.00; [] \$1,480.00; [] \$2,010.00; in payment of the extension fee is transmitted herewith.
- [X] The Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 in connection with the paper(s) transmitted herewith, or to credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 06-1075. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is transmitted herewith.

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Respectfully submitted,

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## **RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

This responds to the February 2, 2004 Office Action in the above-identified

application.

Kindly amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.